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Applicant(s) : Yasushi Takahashi et al.
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	6	Minus	20	0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	2	Minus	3	0 x	\$200(100)	= \$0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0.00

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This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (180) has been previously paid , or is paid herewith .

This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action which issued March 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: